ATTACHMENT A

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1. (Twice Amended) A battery separator comprising:

a microporous polyolefinic membrane having a porosity in a range of 30 - 80%, an average pore size in a range of 0.02 - 2.0 microns, and being made from a blend of a polyolefin polymer, selected from the group consisting of high density polyethylene, polypropylene, polybutene, and polymethyl pentene, and an oligomer of a polyolefinic polymer, and said oligomer comprising at least 15% by weight of said blend.

- 2. (Twice Amended) A battery separator comprising: a microporous polyolefinic membrane having a porosity in a range of 30 80%, an average pore size in a range of 0.02 2.0 microns, and being made from a blend of a C_1 C_7 based polymer, wherein said C_2 based polymer having a molecular weight less than 500,000, and a C_1 C_7 based oligomer, and said oligomer comprising at
- 5. (Amended) The separator according to Claims 1 or 2 wherein said separator is a multilayered separator and said membrane being one layer of the multilayered separator.

least 15% by weight of said blend.

9. (Twice Amended) A pattery separator for a lithium rechargeable battery comprising a microporous polyolefinic membrane having a shutdown temperature of less than about 130°C, a porosity in a range of 30 - 80%, an average pore size in a range of 0.02 - 2.0 microns, and being made from a blend of a high density polyethylene polymer and a polyethylene wax having a molecular weight less than 6000, and said wax comprising at least 15% by weight of said blend.